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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 July 2008.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 4-18 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 19 and 20 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 02/23/2004, 03/07/2006, 04/18/2006, 05/11/2007, 01/02/2008
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Group I (claims 1-3, 19-20) in the reply filed on 07-17-2008 is acknowledged.
2. Claims 4-18 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on 07-17-2008.

Specification

3. The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
5. Claims 2, 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 2 recites the limitation "the junction region" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 19 is indefinite because it depends on non-elected claim 18.

Claim 20 is indefinite because it depends on indefinite claim 19.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 1-3, 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oshita (JP 2001-237073) in view of Sakai (JP 2000-012613).

Respect to claim 1, Oshita discloses a mask comprising:

a substrate (base material 43) in which an aperture (44) is formed (paragraph 0012, drawing 2);

a mask member (42) which, along with being formed with a plurality of through holes (penetration openings 31), is joined to said substrate corresponding to said aperture (paragraph 0012; 0015; drawing 2);

a tape which hold said substrate and said mask member (paragraph 0012).

Oshita fails to disclose spacers which hold said substrate and said mask member with a predetermined gap. However, Oshita clearly teaches to use tape (i.e. adhesive) to hold the substrate and the mask member (paragraph 0012). Sakai teaches to method to connect individual parts using adhesive and conductive particles (3a and/or 3b) as a spacer with a predetermined gap in order to provide low connection resistance without generating the fault (paragraph 0005-0015). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time of invention, to modify Oshita in view of Sakai

by using conductive particles as a spacer because it provides low connection resistance without generating the fault.

Respect to claim 2, Sakai discloses that the spacers (i.e. conductive particles) are disposed along with an adhesive in a junction region between two individual parts. Oshita also teaches to use adhesive (i.e. tape) in a junction region between the substrate and the mask member.

Respect to claim 3, Sakai teaches the spacers (conductive particles) consist of plurality of spherical bodies (3a/3b) which have a diameter which is substantially the same as said predetermined gap (See Fig 2).

Respect to claim 19, Oshita discloses an electro-optical device comprising a luminescent material (i.e. electroluminescent material; See abstract; Oshita's claim 7, paragraph 0001).

Respect to claim 20, Oshita discloses an electronic device comprises electro-optical device as a display means (EL devices, See abstract, paragraph 001-0005).

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Binh X. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-1469. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday and every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nadine Norton can be reached on (571) 272-1465. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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